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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRAINING (SPECIAL)

SUBJECT: Investigative Techniques Training

1. This memorandum contains a progress report concerning the subject training program and a discussion of the material to be covered in the proposed OTS/TRS courses. Attached hereto is a tentative syllabus of the Phase A course submitted by the OTS Training Officer, and a tentative syllabus of the proposed Phase B course submitted by the writer.
2. Following preliminary discussions between representatives of TRS and OTS, the field of investigative techniques was examined by each office, in an effort to place the various subjects included into one of the following categories for future training program purposes:
  - a. Exclusively technical subjects, where the training responsibility should rest completely with OTS;
  - b. Exclusively operational subjects, where the training responsibility should rest completely with TRS; and
  - c. Subjects of mutual concern, which should be considered for coverage through a joint OTS/TRS training effort.
3. It was agreed that each office should draw up proposals outlining the scope and content of instruction to be developed, elaborating on and tied to the three-phase program set out below.
  - a. Phase A would represent a basic training course in technical skills to be given by OTS to all operations personnel with the OC as a prerequisite.
  - b. Phase B would be a jointly presented course for senior operations personnel intended to qualify them to recognize the utility of certain advanced technical investigative techniques and to permit them to set up and guide the actual conduct of certain other technical investigative operations.
  - c. Phase C would be the intensive specialized training phase, portions of which would be the sole responsibility of OTS, and other portions the sole responsibility of TRS.

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4. It is recognized that the field of "technical investigative techniques" is only an adjunct to the overall field of "investigative techniques." A basic familiarization with most of the overall field is accomplished in the STD courses, while familiarization with some of the advanced aspects of this field is included in the ATD's CE course. At the present time there are no TRS courses which provide students with opportunity for the development of actual working proficiency in such basic investigative techniques as: covert employment of background investigative techniques; covert exploitation of investigative references; or, interrogation. However, operations officers in the field often find themselves in situations where they have to train indigenous agents in these techniques, and in some instances use them themselves.

5. Although there appears to be a definite need for the development of training in the overall field of "investigative techniques," the writer does not believe that the specific OTS/TRS courses currently under development should be extended to include this vast scope. The currently proposed courses have been restricted to the field of "technical investigative techniques," as they are applicable to clandestine operations abroad. It is believed that the general field of investigative techniques, excluding this adjunct technical assistance field, should be reviewed by TDS for the purpose of developing future ATD courses.

6. The writer believes that the minimum operations officer requirements for familiarization with the field of technical investigative techniques should enable them to:

a. Be familiar with the general capabilities and limitations of technical investigative techniques as employed by security and police services throughout the world.

b. Recognize the majority of operational situations in which these techniques may be employed against them.

c. Develop a general awareness of possible offensive uses of these techniques, but to

d. Recognize the limits of their familiarization and appreciate their need for assistance from more highly qualified personnel in solving technical investigative techniques problems.

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██████████ have expressed concurrence with the writer's opinion that these requirements can and should be met within the STD courses. It is believed that this can be accomplished with minor reorganization and improvement of material in the BOC and OC, and with the addition of about four hours to that coverage of this field now included in the CAI course.

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7. The Phase A and B courses outlined in the attached Tabs are intended primarily for operations officers who will be responsible for the management of operations in which these techniques may be employed. Phase C, the intensive specialized training course, cannot be outlined until the Phase A and B courses are developed.

  
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Tab "A"

Tab "B"

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